

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method of providing program information, said method comprising:
2 obtaining a list of programs offered for viewing;
3 compiling at a content provider device a second list of programs that a
4 user is entitled to receive;
5 communicating said second list to a remote controller.

1 2. The method as described in claim 1 wherein said compiling a second
2 list comprises:
3 compiling said second list at a set-top box.

1 3. The method as described in claim 2 wherein said obtaining a list of
2 programs offered for viewing comprises:
3 determining said list from cryptographic information for said list of
4 programs.

1 4. A method of providing program information, said method comprising:
2 obtaining a list of programs offered for viewing by a user;
3 communicating said list of programs to a remote controller;
4 compiling at said remote controller a second list of programs that said
5 user is entitled to receive;
6 displaying said second list of programs on said remote controller.

1 5. The method as described in claim 4 and further comprising:
2 allowing said user to remove channels so as not to appear on said
3 second list of programs.

1 6. The method as described in claim 4 and further comprising:
2 selecting a profile of the user.

- 1 7. The method as described in claim 6 and further comprising:
2 utilizing said selected profile for said compiling said second list of
3 programs.
- 1 8. The method as described in claim 6 and further comprising:
2 determining whether a control has been set for said user corresponding
3 to at least one of said programs; and
4 if said control has been set for said user, removing said control from
5 said second list.
- 1 9. The method as described in claim 8 wherein said control comprises a
2 parental control.
- 1 10. The method as described in claim 6 and further comprising:
2 compiling said second list so as not to comprise programs that had
3 been eliminated by said user.
- 1 11. The method as described in claim 6 and further comprising:
2 compiling said list so as not to comprise programs to which said user
3 does not subscribe.
- 1 12. A method of providing program information, said method comprising:
2 obtaining a list of programs offered for viewing;
3 storing a plurality of user profiles;
4 selecting at least one of said plurality of user profiles;
5 utilizing said selected user profile and said list of programs to compile
6 a second list of programs accessible to said user of said selected user profile;
7 displaying said second list on said remote controller.
- 1 13. The method as described in claim 12 and further comprising:

2 compiling said second list at a set-top box; and
3 communicating said second list to said remote controller.

1 14. The method as described in claim 12 and further comprising:
2 compiling said second list with said remote controller.

1 15. An apparatus for providing program information, said apparatus
2 comprising:

3 a processor;

4 a memory coupled to said processor;

5 a display coupled to said processor;

6 code operable to obtain a list of programs offered for viewing;

7 code operable to store a plurality of user profiles;

8 code operable to select one of said plurality of user profiles;

9 code operable to utilize said selected user profile and said list of
10 programs to compile a second list of programs accessible to said user of said selected user
11 profile;

12 code operable to display said second list on said display.

1 16. The method as described in claim 15 and further comprising:
2 code operable to allow said user to remove a program.

1 17. The method as described in claim 15 and further comprising:
2 code operable to select at least one of said plurality of user profiles.

1 18. The method as described in claim 17 and further comprising:
2 code operable to utilize said profile to compile said second list.

1 19. The method as described in claim 17 and further comprising:

2 code operable to utilize parental control settings in compiling said list.

1 20. The method as described in claim 17 and further comprising:

2 code operable to compile said second list without programs previously
3 removed by said user.

1 21. The method as described in claim 17 and further comprising:

2 code operable to compile said second list without programs not
3 subscribed to by said user.

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